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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has affirmed commitment to the new security initiative of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) for peace and stability;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the other ASEAN countries in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): On 3rd October 2003, India had acceded to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in South East Asia, which embodies universal principles of peaceful coexistence and friendly cooperation among States in South East Asia. Over the years, the ASEAN Regional Forum, the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting plus and East Asia Summit have evolved as important initiatives in the context of the regional security architecture. India is actively participating in cooperative activities under these initiatives.